

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2633**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/854,153

Filed: May 11, 2001

Inventor(s):
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Title: CHANNEL GAIN
CONTROL FOR AN
OPTICAL
COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM UTILIZING
FREQUENCY DIVISION
MULTIPLEXING

Examiner: Augustin Bello
Group/Art Unit: 2633
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 20, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.